

# South Dakota

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### CATTLE PRICES UP FROM LAST MONTH

**SIOUX FALLS, February 29, 2000** -- Preliminary cattle prices for February were up from January, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. Preliminary February crop prices are up for corn, soybeans, and wheat, while oats and sunflower are down.

The preliminary February all beef cattle price, at \$79.80, was up \$2.50 from last month and up \$8.30 from last year. Steers and heifers, at \$85.30, were down \$0.60 from January but up \$9.10 from February of last year. Calves, at \$109.00, were unchanged from last month but \$25.50 higher than last February.

The preliminary February all hog price, at \$39.80, was up \$2.30 from last month and up \$10.10 from last year. Barrows and gilts were \$10.50 higher than last year, while sows were up \$10.60 from one year ago.

The preliminary all wheat price for February, at \$2.71, was up 14 cents from last month but down 6 cents from last year. The winter wheat price, at \$2.50, was up 30 cents from last month and up 8 cents from last February. The spring wheat price, at \$2.78, was up 8 cents from last month but down 33 cents from last year. The February soybean price, at \$4.50, was up 14 cents from last month and up 11 cents from last year. The corn price, at \$1.70, was up 7 cents from last month and up 9 cents from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$5.87, was down 63 cents from last month and down \$3.38 from last year.

The all hay price for February, at \$43.00 per ton, was up \$2.00 from January but \$2.00 below last year. The alfalfa price, at \$44.00 per ton, was unchanged from last month but down \$6.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$28.00, was unchanged from last month but down \$2.00 from February 1999.

### PRICES RECEIVED BY SOUTH DAKOTA FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	February 1999 1/	January 2000 1/	February 2000 2/
----- DOLLARS -----				
Corn	Bu.	1.61	1.63	1.70
Soybeans	Bu.	4.39	4.36	4.50
Sunflowers	Cwt.	9.25	6.50	5.87
Wheat, All	Bu.	2.77	2.57	2.71
Winter	Bu.	2.42	2.20	2.50
Other Spring	Bu.	3.11	2.70	2.78
Durum	Bu.	5/	5/	5/
Barley, All	Bu.	1.88	2.36	2.18
Feed	Bu.	1.42	1.45	1.50
Malt	Bu.	5/	5/	5/
Oats	Bu.	1.08	1.18	1.15
Flaxseed	Bu.	5/	5/	5/
Hay, All	Ton	45.00	41.00	43.00
Alfalfa	Ton	50.00	44.00	44.00
Other	Ton	30.00	28.00	28.00
Cattle, All Beef 3/	Cwt.	71.50	77.30	79.80
Cows	Cwt.	33.70	35.10	35.60
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	76.20	85.90	85.30
Calves 4/	Cwt.	83.50	109.00	109.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	29.70	37.50	39.80
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	30.90	38.90	41.40
Sows	Cwt.	18.60	28.00	29.20
Lambs	Cwt.	73.90	85.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	29.30	35.00	NA

1/ Entire month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Over 500 lbs. 4/ Under 500 lbs. 5/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual buyers. NA = Not Available.

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